UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

MARTIN J. WALSH, Secretary of	
Labor, United States Department of Labor,)
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Plaintiff,	
) Civil Action No.: 3:21-cv-00056-SMY
V.	
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DAYEMI ORGANIZATION, INC. d/b/a	
LONGBRANCH CAFÉ AND BAKERY, an) Presumptive Trial Month: July 2022
Illinois corporation, and ELAINE RAMSEYER)
GREENBERG, an individual,) Judge Staci M. Yandle
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Defendants)

SECRETARY OF LABOR'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE OF INDUSTRY STANDARD AT TRIAL

Plaintiff Martin J. Walsh, Secretary of Labor, U.S. Department of Labor ("Secretary"), respectfully requests that all evidence regarding tip pooling practices in the food service industry and Defendants Dayemi Organization, Inc. d/b/a Longbranch Café and Bakery and Elaine Ramseyer Greenberg's (collectively, "Defendants") compliance with those tip pooling practices be excluded from trial pursuant to Federal Rules of Evidence 402 and 403.

The Secretary anticipates that Defendants will offer evidence of tip pooling practices in the food service industry and evidence of Defendants' compliance with this industry standard in support of their defense against liquidated damages. Such evidence has no probative value and is irrelevant to the question of whether an employer is liable for violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA" or the "Act"). As it will only serve to confuse the jury, such evidence should be excluded from trial. As additional support for this Motion, the Secretary refers this Court to his accompanying Memorandum in Support, incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on June 8, 2022, the **Secretary of Labor's Motion** *in Limine* **to Exclude Evidence of Industry Standard at Trial and supporting Memorandum** was electronically filed using the CM/ECF System and served by email on the following:

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